

Side Lights on Newsy Matters.



UNDETERRED by the mysterious fate of Andree, who left Dane's Island, Spitzbergen, in a balloon on July 11, 1897, with two companions and has never been heard from since, Walter Wellman, a newspaper correspondent, has spent many weary months and many thousands of dollars of the Chicago Record-Herald's money in preparation for a second quest of the north pole by airship. Three men and twelve dogs will share the perils of the expedition, and the spot chosen for the start is the very spot where Andree and his companions waved their farewell. Wellman's airship, the America, carries gasoline sufficient to run its three motors until the craft has covered 2,700 sea miles, or more than twice the round trip distance between Spitzbergen and the coveted pole. The America is 183 feet long, 65 feet high and 52.5 feet wide and is one of the largest, strongest and most expensive dirigible balloons ever built. Its total weight when fully equipped with men and supplies is 22,840 pounds, and from it will hang a leather "sausage" guide rope 130 feet long packed with over 1,000 pounds of bacon, ham, bread and butter. This odd contrivance, which will trail along over the ice floes, was devised to check the speed of the airship and at the same time furnish an additional supply of food. In case Wellman and his party are stranded near

pard, "the people do not care for the seeds. I sent some to a constituent last year. A time ago I received a letter which said the man had the seeds I had sent him and didn't want any more. 'Instead,' he wrote, 'if you really want to do something for me I wish you would send me a suit of this new-fangled union underwear.'"

Among white children the Teddy bear doll is a thing of quite recent date but there is a tribe of American Indian children to whom the bear dolly, though of course not exactly the Teddy kind, is very ancient. These are the children of the Moki, in north central Arizona. The Moki Indians form one of the most interesting tribes we have. They have rites and ceremonies dating back, no doubt, to prehistoric times.

At the several annual dances and ceremonial affairs of these Indians some of the men appear in strange and



TEDDY BEARS OF THE MOKI GIRLS.

fantastic costumes. Each costume represents some mystic idea. One man, for instance, comes out dressed as a bear. Another is in a wolf's garb. These are the bear god and the wolf god. The latter is one of the deities of war. The bear god also serves some mysterious purpose in the primitive belief of these people.

There are little bears and wolves and other animals of miniature size carved out of the roots of the cottonwood tree. This tree has a sacred character because it grows near water, the scarcest and most precious article in that sun parched country. When the big folks get through with the animal dollies they give them to the children for playthings; hence the pre-Teddy bears shown in the picture.

United States District Attorney Charles B. Morrison of the northern district of Illinois is one of the government's lawyers who are concerned in the so-called "immunity bath" enjoyed by E. H. Harriman and the Chicago and Alton railroad officials. Attorney Morrison prosecuted for the government in the case wherein the Standard



CHARLES B. MORRISON.

Oil company was fined \$29,240,000 for accepting rebates from the Chicago and Alton. The officials of that road turned state's evidence, it being understood that in consideration of such assistance the road would not be prosecuted.

District Attorney Morrison has had much experience in government service as a prosecutor. He was chosen to conduct the famous beef trust inquiry of two years ago, a distinction earned by long service as district attorney, to which office he was appointed in 1898.

Mr. Morrison has resided in Illinois from early boyhood. He is an easterner by birth. In 1878 he was graduated from the Union College of Law in Chicago and began practice at Dixon, Ill. He served two terms as state attorney for Lee county.

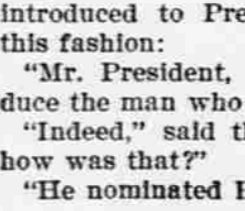
The lawyer who has been selected to be Harry K. Thaw's chief counsel in the next trial of Stanford White's slayer is Martin W. Littleton of Brooklyn. Mr. Littleton is only thirty-five years old and possesses enthusiasm enough to supply several average men. His career is one that is possible only in America.

Born in Tennessee, Littleton was taken to Texas in early boyhood. There he grew up without schooling, save for a seven months' term. He worked as a farm hand and later as a railroad trackman. He read and studied in his leisure time to such an extent that he was admitted to the bar before he was twenty-one.

Texas, though the biggest state in the Union, apparently was not large enough to satisfy the vaulting ambition of young Littleton. He removed to Brooklyn shortly after beginning law practice. He got into politics, being a Democrat, and soon was making stump speeches throughout the state.

This placed him in line for office, and in 1903, at the age of thirty-one, Mr. Littleton was elected president of the borough of Brooklyn for the term of two years. At the Democratic national convention in St. Louis in 1904 Mr. Littleton was selected to place Judge Alton B. Parker in nomination. Some time after the election Littleton was introduced to President Roosevelt in this fashion:

"Mr. President, permit me to introduce the man who elected you."
"Indeed," said the president. "And how was that?"
"He nominated Parker."



MARTIN W. LITTLETON.

A BOY PIONEER.

Joseph Watt's Fateful Journey to Oregon in 1844.

In 1844, when emigrants from the middle states were going to make homes in Oregon, many young boys joined the pioneers and made the hard journey over the plains and mountains. One of these lads, Joseph Watt of Missouri, is described by the author of "McDonald of Oregon." He was about seventeen years of age and was employed to drive cattle. He walked most of the way to his new home.

"I have borrowed \$2.50, Joe, to fit you out," his father had said at parting, and with that the young man, had bought a pair of boots and invested the rest in pins and fishhooks to trade with the Indians. But new boots! He slung them over his rifle and put on moccasins.

At a certain point in the journey, away back on Burnt river, the man for whom Joe was driving said: "You had better leave us and hurry on into Oregon. Provisions are getting scarce. We shall need all there is for the children."

"All right. I can take care of myself." Without a morsel of food Joe Watt and Ellisha Bowman struck out with their rifles—and Joe's boots.

"If we could only eat the boots!" sighed Joe. Bare to the knees from continually cutting off his trousers to mend his moccasins, he strode through the lacerating sagebrush.

"How are you going to get down?" Inquired the boatman when every other eager passenger had piled on the Hudson Bay bateau sent up by Dr. McLoughlin. Alone on the shore stood Joe Watt. "How are you going to get down?"

"I don't know."
"Have you any provisions?"
"No, nothing."
"Can you sing or tell yarns?"
"Yes, both."
"Very well; climb on to the bow of that boat." So they started.

"Well, figurehead, pipe up!" was the present demand.

With sad and solemn eyes, without a smile, Joe sang and told stories. Everybody laughed. The weary emigrants needed entertainment, and Joe was a born comedian.

The doctor was building a flour mill at the falls, and with some misgivings Joe was engaged as a carpenter. At night he slept in the shavings. The first pay day he was rich. With \$12 in hand, clothes, soap, Hudson Bay blankets were his.

Never blankets felt so soft. Passing his hand thoughtfully over the wool, within sound of the potential falls, a great idea came into the heart of Joseph Watt, "I will build woolen mills on this Pacific coast." Years later the boy fulfilled this resolve.—Youth's Companion.

The Hawaiian Alphabet.

There are but twelve letters in the Hawaiian alphabet. These, with their pronunciations, are: A (ah), e (e), o (o as in lo), u (oo), h (hay), k (kay), l (la), m (moo), n (noo), p (pay) and w (way). The missionaries added a thirteenth, t, but the natives won't have it and continue to pronounce, for instance, the name of the root from which poi is made "kara," although the missionaries have it "tara." Every vowel in a word is distinctly sounded except that the vowels a are sounded "i," as in English. Waikiki, the beach in Honolulu, is properly pronounced "Vikeekee." There is a great difference in the speech of the high and low caste natives. The first call their island group "Ha-va-ee-ee," and the latter begin it all right with "Ha," but conclude with a guttural grunt, and the word heard most, "Aloha," sounds soft and beautiful on the lips of the first, but is a lazy, good natured grunt as the latter speak it. Aloha is in their limited vocabulary at once a greeting and farewell, a formal expression of regard and of deep love. In the latter case it is increased in warmth and depth of meaning by modifying adjectives annexed instead of prefixed, as "Aloha nui," "Aloha nui loa," or even "Aloha nui loa kea"—and then it is time to speak to papa.

Fans From a Fish's Fins.

Curious little fans are made from the pectoral fins of the fish known as the sea robin. The sea robin is not a very large fish, but its pectoral fins are large in proportion to its size, and in nature they suggest fans from the manner in which the fish opens and closes them. The pectoral fins of the smaller sea robins are marked with brown, those of the larger fishes with maroon, beautifully shaded. The fins have many rays or ribs. In making a fan the fin is first stretched out on a board to dry. A large fin will make a fan about six inches in breadth. The rays spread out in it, as the split bamboo strips do in a Japanese fan, except that the rays are tapering, and they are much slenderer and more delicate. When the fin is dry it is mounted as a fan, and when it has been thus completed it is dipped in varnish. The varnish not only brings out the colors, but it serves also as a preservative. Thus treated the fan will last for years.

Sentient Alarm Clocks.

"Devil dogs" are a species of alarm clock used in Greece for the purpose of keeping persons awake, such as watchmen; stage drivers and railroad men. They are generally small black dogs. Should the person whom the "devil dog" is detailed to keep awake be a stage driver, the dog is strapped to a little stool beside him, and throughout the journey he keeps up a sharp barking, often causing the passengers to keep awake as well as the driver. At times he will pause for a minute or two to moisten his parched, rasped throat at the basin of water set before him and then begin again.

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ORDER OF HEARING.

State of Nebraska, Red Willow county. In the county court. To all persons interested in the estate of Hiram C. Plumb, late of said county, deceased.

You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of September, 1907, Ellen Plumb filed her petition in the county court of said county, for the appointment of T. E. McDonald as administrator of the estate of Hiram C. Plumb, late of said county, deceased, and that the same will be heard at the county court room in the city of McCook in said county, on the 23rd day of September, 1907, at the hour of one o'clock p. m. It is further ordered that notice of said hearing be given all persons interested in said estate by the publication of this notice for three successive weeks in the McCook Tribune, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said county.

Dated this 2nd day of September, 1907.—94-318 (S&A)

J. C. MOORE, County Judge.

NOTICE OF AUTHORIZATION.

Treasury Department, Office of Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C., August 5th, 1907.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE MCCOOK NATIONAL BANK," in the City of McCook, in the County of Red Willow, and State of Nebraska, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

NOW THEREFORE I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE MCCOOK NATIONAL BANK," in the City of McCook, in the County of Red Willow, and State of Nebraska, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and seal of this office this Fifth day of August, 1907.

T. P. KANE, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency. First: August 9, 1907. Last: October 11, 1907.

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